

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 59 – HB 353**

March 21, 2005

### **SUMMARY OF BILL:**

1. Increases the HOPE scholarship award from \$3,000 to \$4,000 for students at four-year higher education institutions and from \$1,500 to \$2,000 for students at two-year higher education institutions.
2. Increase supplemental awards from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for students with financial need and academically meritorious students.
3. Changes high school grade point average (GPA) eligibility requirement from *unweighted* to *weighted* GPA.
4. Permits certain transfer students to be eligible to receive HOPE scholarships.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – Increases the expenditure of lottery proceeds earmarked for scholarships and grants by an amount estimated to exceed \$51,200,000 in FY05-06 and \$61,950,000 in FY06-07.**

#### Assumptions:

- In FY05-06, an estimated 33,307 HOPE scholars at four-year institutions would receive an additional \$1,000 totaling \$33,307,000.
- In FY05-06, an estimated 6,841 HOPE scholars at two-year institutions would receive an additional \$500 totaling \$3,420,500.
- In FY05-06, an estimated 448 HOPE Access Grant scholars would receive a total amount estimated to be \$200,000.
- In FY05-06, an estimated 10,494 Need-Based scholars would receive an additional \$1,000 totaling \$10,494,000.
- In FY05-06, an estimated 2,980 General Assembly Merit scholars would receive an additional \$1,000 totaling \$2,980,000.
- In FY05-06, lottery proceeds expenditures would increase by approximately \$818,000 for certain transfer students.
- In FY06-07, an estimated 40,678 HOPE scholars at four-year institutions would receive an additional \$1,000 totaling \$40,678,000.
- In FY06-07, an estimated 7,077 HOPE scholars at two-year institutions would receive an additional \$500 totaling \$3,538,500.
- In FY06-07, an estimated 600 HOPE Access Grant scholars would receive a total amount estimated to be \$310,000.

- In FY06-07, an estimated 12,435 Need-Based scholars would receive an additional \$1,000 totaling \$12,435,000.
- In FY06-07, an estimated 3,792 General Assembly Merit scholars would receive an additional \$1,000 totaling \$3,792,000.
- In FY06-07, lottery proceeds expenditures would increase by approximately \$1,227,000 for certain transfer students.
- Increased expenditures from lottery proceeds related to changing grade point average calculation methodologies are not determinable but estimated to be significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director